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SUBJECT: COCOM LIST REVIEW: ML 4 - BOMBS, ETC.

1) US CANNOT AGREE TO BELGIAN PROPOSAL FOR ADDITION AE
NOTE TO PERMIT SHIPMENT OF TEAR GAS AND SMOKE GRENADES.
THIS COULD BE VIEWED AS AN OVERT ACT BY US GOVERNMENT TO
PERMIT THEIR EXPORT TO COMMUNIST COUNTRIES.

2) USDEL MIGHT CONSIDER BILATERAL APPROACH TO BELGIAN DEL
EXPLAINING HOW SUCH AN OVERT ACT WOULD BE INCONSISTENT
WITH US POLICY OF RESTRICTING EXPORT OF CROWD-CONTROL
DEVICES THAT MAY BE USED BY COMMUNIST REGIMES TO REPRESS
THEIR CITIZENS AND LIMIT THEIR FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS. OUR
PREFERENCE WOULD BE TO KEEP COMMITTEE DISCUSSIONS ON LOW
KEY AND AVOID QUESTION OF WHETHER OUR POSITION MEETS COCOM
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CRITERIA.

3) IN SOME CASES "REASONABLE QUANTITY", IN PARTICULAR
OF TEAR GAS, COULD BE LARGE ENOUGH TO HAVE SIGNIFICANT
VALUE FOR MILITARY PURPOSES. INGERSOLL

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